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**SPEECH OF HON.
WM. E. NIBLACK.**
In the House of Representatives March
31, 1858.

The House being in Committee of the
Whole on the state of the Union, Mr. Nib-
lack said:

MR. CHAIRMAN: It was not my expecta-
tion, sir, when I came here, to participate,
during the present session at least, in the
general debates of this House. It is not my
expectation to do so still. What I have very
briefly to say, is rather by way of personal
explanation.

When the President's annual message
was communicated to this House, at the com-
mencement of the session, it received, as a
whole, the approbation of my judgment. So
far as the policy of the Administration upon
this vexed Kansas question was foreshad-
owed in that message, I could not see how
the President could have taken any other
course. I felt it my duty to suspend my
opinion, so far as was practicable, until
the question came regularly before us,
and until it was seen what new and different
phases of it might be presented. In the
meantime I was exceedingly anxious, in
view of the division of sentiment here, as
well as elsewhere, amongst those political
friends with whom I am accustomed to co-
operate, upon the propriety of admitting
Kansas as recommended by the President,
that direction might be given to the question
which would enable those friends to unite
in their action upon it. In this feeling I
was not actuated by any distrust of the cor-
rectness of the President's policy in my own
mind, but by a desire to consult, as far as
was practical and proper, the views and feel-
ings of others, whose cooperation I very
much desire.

Sir, when the President's special message
was delivered to this House, transmitting
the Lecompton constitution, I unhesitatingly
indorsed both the premises and conclusions
of that message. I felt reassured that my
first impressions of his Kansas policy were
correct. I would have been willing to have
stood upon the doctrines and recommenda-
tions of that message alone, and to have re-
lied upon them for my vindication. While
I had seen so much to condemn and solite
to approve in the action of the people of
Kansas, I felt then, as I do now, that the
sooner this unfortunate Territory was organi-
zed into a State, the better for it and the
country.

But there were those here who, professing
not materially to disagree with the Presi-
dent, insisted that as so much had been
charged about irregularities and frauds in the
formation of this constitution, some investi-
gation ought to be had by some committee
under the order of this House; and as I feared
no legitimate investigation upon this, as
upon all other public questions, and as I was
willing to concede something to what seemed
to be an honest difference of opinion, I
voted to refer the message to the select
committee, with instructions, under the sub-
stituted resolution of the gentleman from
Illinois, [Mr. Harris.] Sir, I did so with
the hope that, when the smoke and dust
which then enshrouded this question should
be cleared away, as I felt confident would
soon be done, those gentlemen here who
seemed only in doubt as to some mere col-

lateral questions would come forward in the
same spirit and concede something for the
sake of united action in bringing this con-
troversy to a close. Whether those hopes
shall be disappointed remains yet to be seen.
Upon all matters, however, which I consid-
ered a fair test of the real positions of mem-
bers, I have thus far steadily voted with the
friends of the administration on this ques-
tion, and I expect to do so, sir, still, to the
end of this contest.

Whatever may have been said to the con-
trary, I insist that the select committee to
which I have referred, has been fairly consti-
tuted. It was the message which was re-
ferred. The instructions were only inci-
dental to this reference. It was proper,
then, and in strict conformity with parlia-
mentary usage, that a majority of the com-
mittee should be friendly to the recommen-
dations of this message. Nothing to me
seems clearer than this. I think, too, the
report of the majority of this committee
ought to be satisfactory to all here not pre-
disposed to complain. I regard it as one of
the ablest things yet published on this sub-
ject. With those who desire to pursue the
investigation further, and to go into every-
thing connected with the history of Kansas
for the past two years, not affecting the va-
lidity of the Lecompton constitution, I have
no sympathy. Such a course could only
serve to render more infamous the names of
many persons who have already brought
disgrace upon that fair territory, and to get
up a second edition of Kansas troubles,
which might serve as a text-book for pro-
fessional "freedom shriekers" in the ap-
proaching political campaigns. For such
purposes my vote cannot be given. Sir, I
will not go into the merits of this contro-
versy. The subject has already been more
than exhausted. Anything I might now say,
could be little else than a stale repetition of
what has already been said by others. I
think the President's position has been
greatly strengthened by the discussion here.
Many of the objections first urged against
the constitution have been abandoned. With
all our differences of opinion, and the differ-
ences to the opinions of other gentlemen to
the contrary, it does seem to me that the
policy of the present administration, in the
affairs of Kansas, is but a continuation of
the same policy inaugurated by the late ad-
ministration of Mr. Pierce, in relation to
that territory. How often have we all on
this side of the House, both here and else-
where, defended this policy? Who of us
does not feel himself thoroughly committed
to it? Why shall we now recede? For one,
I will not, whatever may be the consequen-
ces, unless some better reasons be given than
any I have yet heard urged.

Sir, I am admonished that I am assuming
a fearful responsibility in the course I have
felt it my duty to pursue, in consequence of
the divided condition of public sentiment on
this question throughout the country, and
particularly in the great Northwest, from
which I come. I feel as keenly as any one
the force of this suggestion. No one is fit
to be here, sir, who is not willing to assume
some responsibility when the occasion de-
mands it. I will not shrink from the dis-
charge of what seems to me to be a plain
duty on this account.

Whatever may have been the first im-
pression as to the present phase of this
Kansas question, before it was fully before
the country, I have the confidence to be-
lieve that a large majority of those who sent
me here already acquiesce in the views of
the President, and that this feeling is fast
ripening into one of warm indorsement. I
cannot believe that any very large number
of persons in my district can be found will-
ing much longer to give aid and comfort to
those who have so long distracted the peace
of this unfortunate Territory.

At all events an opportunity will soon be
afforded to those I represent of expressing
their views upon this now all absorbing
question. I cannot reel otherwise than
mortified if I find I have mistaken those
views. I desire, them, however, to speak
out plainly upon this as well as upon all other
questions of public policy. I hold, sir,
that the most candid relations ought at all
times to exist between a Representative and
his constituents. I desire, therefore, that
my position here shall be fully understood.
To the people of my district, and to them
alone, I acknowledge my responsibility.—
Whether I have mistaken my duty or my al-
legiance, a brief period of time will deter-
mine.

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March 19, 1858. R. M. WELMAN.

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miles east of Leavenworth, in Crawford
county, Ind. on the night of the 28th of
April, 1858,

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three years old, and about 14 hands high,
both hind feet and one fore foot white, some
white above the left eye, dark mane and
tail, with some grey mixed; a fresh horse
bite on the left hip. Liberal reward will be
paid for delivery of horse or thief to meat
Leavenworth, or for information so that I
can get him.
may 7-5w. I. P. SIBERT.

Administratrix's Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the under-
signed has been appointed administratrix
of the estate of Jacob Bertley, late of
Dubois county, Indiana, deceased. Said es-
tate is supposed to be solvent.
CAROLINE BERTLEY,
may 7, 1858—3w* administratrix.

Sheriff Sale.

NOTICE is hereby given that by vir-
tue of a fee bill issued out of the
Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Dubois
co. Ind. and to me directed, I have levied on
and will, on the 5th of June 1858, between
the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 P. M.
of said day, at the door of the Court House
in the town of Jasper, in said county, offer
for sale at public auction, the rents and
profits for a term not exceeding seven years
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quarter of section No. thirteen in township
No. one, south of range four west, contain-
ing 40 acres, more or less.

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and costs, I will at the same time and place
and between the hours aforesaid offer for
sale and sell at public auction the fee simple
of said real estate.

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George Tabor, in the suit of George Tabor
against Robert Polson.

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JACOB HERMAN, S. D. C.
May 7, 1858.—3w. pf \$4 50.

Notice to Claimants.

ALL persons who have any claims to make
upon the Rev. Joseph Kudeck, dec'd,
for deeds, certificates, or other documents
entrusted to his care, will please call upon
Rev. P. Bede O'Connor, at his residence in
Jasper, as soon as it will suit their conveni-
ence.
P. ULRIC CHRISTEN,
PAUL ECK,
Executors of Rev. J. Kudeck's estate.
Jasper, April 30, 1858—3w.

Paul Eagle please copy three weeks
and send bill to our office.

Bekanntmachung!

DIENSTEN, welche Schriften, DEEDS, cer-
tificates &c bei Hochw. Herrn Kudeck
niedergelegt haben, sollen sich bei Hochw.
Herrn Pfarrer Bede O'Connor in Jasper so
bald wie moeglich melden.
P. ULRIC CHRISTEN
PAUL ECK,
april 30-3w. Executors.

Notice

IS hereby given, that on Tuesday, the 25th
day of May, A. D. 1858, the County Sur-
veyor of Dubois county will be present to
run the lines and determine the boundaries
and subdivisions, and also establish the cor-
ners, of section 16, T. 1, S. R. 4 W.; also
that of the E. 1/2 S. E. 1/4 of sec. 17, T. 1, S.
R. 4 W.; and the N. 1/2 of the N. E. 1/4 sec.
17, and the S. 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4 sec. 8, same
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april 30-3w. E. STEINSON.

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